

STATEMENT-II

Funds allocated to States so far, Under N.P.D.P. for 1996-97

(Rs. in lakhs)		
S No.	State	1996-97 Central Allocation
1	Andhra Pradesh	115.00
2	Arunachal Pradesh	2.00
3	Assam	10.00
4	Bihar	131.00
5	Goa	1.00
6	Gujarat	101.00
7	Haryana	35.00
8	Himachal Pradesh	15.00
9	Jammu & Kashmir	30.00
10	Karnataka	150.00
11	Kerala	11.00
12	Madhya Pradesh	550.00
13	Maharashtra	370.00
14	Manipur	20.00
15	Meghalaya	2.00
16	Nagaland	12.00
17	Orissa	160.00
18	Punjab	25.00
19	Rajasthan	450.00
20	Sikkim	10.00
21	Tamil Nadu	150.00
22	Tripura	10.00
23	Uttar Pradesh	506.00
24	West Bengal	30.00
25	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	1.00
26	Delhi	1.00

Marine National Park

2613. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Gulf of Mannar Marine National Park, a strip of water that separates India and Sri Lanka, is in the grip of crisis;

(b) whether trawling operations are plundering the region's marine life and leaving in the wake of this acres of devastated ocean floor;

(c) whether the coral reefs, already under threat from the cement and tourism industries, are caving in; and

(d) if so, the steps proposed to be taken in conserving the resources of this eco-system that has

resulted in a dwindling catch of fish and check this dismal scenario?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) No, Sir

(b) The State Forest Department has reported that 356 trawlers are operating in the Gulf of Mannar which is affecting the marine life. The matter has been taken up by them with the State Fisheries Department to regulate fishing in the area.

(c) and (d). According to the State Forest Department the coral reefs of the area were under threat from industrial activity prior to the taking over of 14 islands by the Forest Department in 1989. Since then strict and effective steps have been taken to control the illicit removal of corals which have yielded positive results and coral reefs are developing around the islands

Financial Implications Involved due to Supreme Court

2614. SHRI MUKHTAR ANIS : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the present status of implementation of the Supreme Court orders on refixation of salaries of the Imams and other functionaries of Masjids;

(b) the estimated financial burden as a result thereof, State-wise, and

(c) whether the Central Government have given any grants-in-aid to any Wakf Board for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) In compliance of Hon'ble Supreme Court's direction dated 13th May, 1993 in Civil Writ Petition No. 715 of 1990 that Union of India and Central Wakf Council should prepare a scheme for payment of remuneration to Imams of different types of mosques, a scheme was prepared and submitted to the Hon'ble Court by Central Wakf Council on 02.01.1996 and by the Central Government on 05.01.1996.

(b) The responsibility for implementation of the said scheme shall lie with the appropriate State Wakf Board and no estimates have so far been prepared by the State Governments or State Wakf Boards in this regard

(c) No, Sir

[Translation]

Tortoise Safety Device

2615. SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any request has been made by his Ministry to the Ministry of Food Processing Industry for installing tortoise safety devices in prawn fishing trawlers;